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TO: Residency Officers

FROM: Jim West, Associate Director of Academic Affairs and Policy

SUBJECT: Clarifying the three year eligibility requirement on Form 1079 Affidavit¹

This memo is in response to a question that has been asked regarding interpretation of a statement on the 1079 affidavit. The form states as one of the eligibility requirements:

- Resided in Washington State for three (3) years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma, and completed the full senior year at a Washington high school.

The question: does this mean three calendar years (36 months) or three academic years?

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is responsible for assuring the ‘uniform determination of a student’s resident and nonresident status.’² Following review of the statute and rules and in consultation with the attorney general’s office, the WSAC has determined that the three year reference in section (e) of 28B.15.012 is three calendar years (36 months), not three academic years.

Wording on the affidavit was originally intended to clarify conditions of eligibility but might have contributed to different interpretations of the three year statement. In consultation with the attorney general’s office, the 1079 affidavit has been modified to more accurately reflect the statutory language.

Please contact Jim West at 360.753.7890 if you have questions.

¹ Washington Student Achievement Council Residency Affidavit/Declaration/Certification (Form HB 1079 rev 6-14)

² WAC 250-18-010